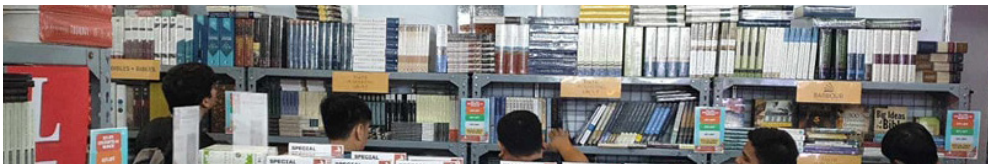


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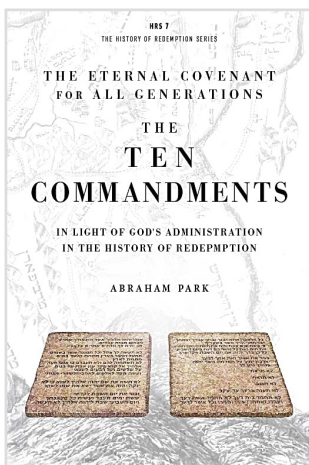


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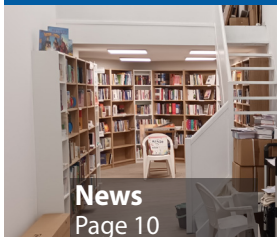
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Dear CLC Friends,

2023 has been an amazing and blessed year for CLC International. We are thankful to the Lord for His continuing faithfulness. Many of our countries are distributing more Christian literature in our shops and on-line than pre-Covid. Notably, new CLC shops have opened in Colombia, Kenya and Myanmar.

Yet, that is only part of the post-Covid story as we are also busy with outreaches. In this issue you can read of just two important examples of CLC again attending book fairs in Panama and the Philippines in our desire to use Christian books to help people come to faith and mature in Jesus Christ.

We are also excited about several building projects for new CLC shops. In November, CLC Ecuador opened their new shop and wholesale centre in the port city of Guayaquil. CLC Sierra Leone have just opened a newly built shop in the inland city of Bo (see pages 6 & 7). CLC Panama was recently able to purchase a foreclosed property at an excellent price in the city of David, near Costa Rica. They will soon begin construction on a new bookshop. CLC-ELS India is constructing a new shop with a large conference room in the coastal city of Chennai.

Finally, CLC is initiating a wonderful project to print 25,000 children's Bibles for some needy countries such as Bulgaria, India, Mozambique, Pakistan, Portugal, and Francophone West Africa.

All of these projects require faith in the Lord to supply the necessary funds to see the ministry continue to expand. See page 23 to see how you can support one of these important projects.

Thank you for your prayers and support as CLC continues to reach the world with the Scriptures and Christian books!

Gary Chamberlin,
CLC International Director

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Panamanian International Book Fair

Impacting lives through books

by CLC Panama & CLC World Staff

Every year since 2003, CLC Panama has had the privilege of participating in the Panamanian International Book Fair. This is the largest book fair in the country and this year (2023) there were over 100,000 people in attendance.

The theme of the conference was *Identity and Origin*, and the seven Panamanian native tribes were highlighted. International authors and visitors are drawn to the fair each year, giving us the opportunity to reach people who would not normally shop in one of our bookstores.

A team of 25 individuals worked day and night to make sure our stand was ready to go before the fair started. Our space was visible and attracted attention thanks to the publishers who sponsored special banners for our stand. We had a large selection of materials available for

customers. We praise God that all the shipments arrived on time for one of our largest events of the year.

The Panamanian Book Chamber invited Omayra Font, pastor and author, as one of the guests and speakers at this year's fair. We are a distributor of Omayra's books. Attendees were excited to see her, get their books signed, and to speak with her briefly. A large number of Christians in Panama read her books so this was a very special and memorable experience for our customers.

Andra Lino, a member of the Emberá tribe and a leader of her region, visited our stand, purchased a book for her children, and shared with us that she was really encouraged by the knowledge we imparted during the book fair. She was especially excited about our work through our social foundation. We praise God for the many opportunities and divine appointments we were able to have at the 2023 Panamanian International Book Fair. Please pray for the 2024 Fair. May we be able to reach even more people and provide the materials our Christian brothers and sisters need.



Author Omayra Font signing books



Sara de Gracia, an exhibitor from a national book shop & Héctor Burke, CLC Panama National Director



A happy customer



Part of the team working during the book fair



The booth



Entertainment for children



Attendees from different age groups



Livestreaming



Praying before the day started



Livestreaming during the book fair


UPDATE: **Sierra Leone**

by David Scouler, Sierra
Leone National Director


It has been more than three years since I started partnering with the CLC Africa Director (Liz Patten), working together with the national CLC team in Sierra Leone.

During this period, many shipments of new & second hand books and Bibles have arrived in the port of Freetown. Most of these have come from various American publishers (including CLC USA who has kindly consolidated all the orders for us), a church in Canada and KCLCT in the UK. All of this has significantly increased our ministry potential, with the majority of these books and Bibles now in the hands of spiritually hungry Christians as well as unbelievers looking for answers to their spiritual emptiness.

We are also privileged to partner and cooperate with Crossway Publishers in the USA. They have provided us with several special book sets that we have been able to distribute to pastors in different provinces, especially thinking of those who are far away from one of our three Christian bookshops in the country. For many years, Crossway's mission has been to publish gospel-centred content that honours our Saviour and serves His church.



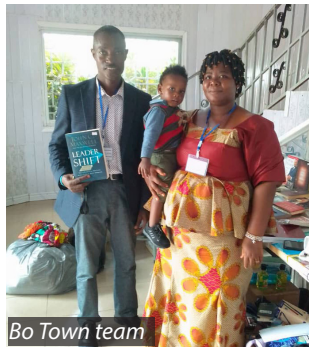
Your donations made it possible to purchase a motorised tricycle for our shop in Bo Town. Thank you!



Our brand new motorised tricycle, also known as Kéké



Praying over the new Kéké



Bo Town team



New building project

Alongside the positive notes, we have also had various challenges. Instances of these include acts of vandalism and theft at our bookshops, to the extent that we have needed to employ a night security guard. There have also been many occasions of unrest since the last elections, which have caused the capital city to shut down for days. Power outages are common. Life is tough in Sierra Leone and we regularly praise God for the faithfulness of our national staff and their desire to see Bibles and other Christian resources made available in their country.

In addition to the bookshops, we are able to run an outreach activity in Bo Town and the surrounding area, using a recently purchased Kéké, or motorised tricycle. This was made possible due to many generous donations from the UK, Canada and the USA.

Another fund-raising project involves the construction of a new bookshop in Bo Town, based on our constant desire to see a long-term future for a CLC ministry there. The bookshop and outreach in Bo are managed by married couple, Matthew & Isata Ndoinjeh. Having our own bookshop will not only release us

from having to pay an ever-increasing amount in rent, but it will also provide CLC with more space. The new bookshop will not only be located in the centre of town, but in a church complex which is home to many church conventions and other activities.

“Kindness to the poor is like lending to God.”
Proverbs 19:17

I want to thank everyone who has given financially to support this ministry and to make it into “mission possible”, as well as those who have given their time and/or have provided good second hand Christian books and Bibles. Those of you who pray are also much appreciated! The ministry doesn’t just happen, so please do continue with your support in whatever form, so that the ministry will continue in Sierra Leone.

You can donate directly to: clcusa.org/ give (please write CLC Sierra Leone in the box) or by contacting KCLCT in the UK.

**To support the ministry in Sierra Leone, see page 23*



Manila International Book Fair **CLC Philippines at the largest book fair in the Philippines** *by Romualdo Macinas, Philippines National Director & Asia Regional Director*

In September of 2023 CLC Philippines had the opportunity to participate in the 45th Manila International Book Fair (MIBF). This event took place in September and ran for four days.

This Book Fair is one of the longest-running book fairs in Asia and one of the most anticipated in our country. The event originally drew people from the publishing and academic industry but it has now transformed into a family and reader-friendly event.

The Book Fair was held at a prestigious venue, the SMX Convention Center located in the sprawling Mall of Asia Complex. The exhibition area consists of four halls with a floor area of around 9130 square meters and a 1980 square meter main lobby.

This year's MIBF was well-attended, attracting more than 10,000 visitors. CLC had four booths, two of which were sponsored. Prior to the event we prayed that our imported products would arrive before the month of September. The Lord had other plans, though. Our imports arrived in October, a month after the event. But we are thankful to God that we could sell stock from previous shipments. We are thankful

that we also gained a significant amount of new customers, including the Adventist Palawan Mission that purchased reference books. Our customers are Bible schools, churches, mission organisations, Catholic-run universities, private institutions, as well as the public.

We had total sales of approximately USD15,000 with further orders processed after the event. We had products from CLC Publications, Bibles, reference materials, planners, calendars, and other gift items.

Planning for this event takes a year. We select our booth location and a series of meetings with the organizer follows. Promotion for the event is done by the organizer who partners with other media outlets in the Philippines.

We are asking the Lord for more sponsors for our booths for 2024. We would like to have four sponsored booths. Some publishers have already expressed a desire to sponsor two of the booths next year. Pray for our team as we prepare for the 2024 International Book Fair, as it takes a significant amount of planning and work.



Customer purchases



Section of the booth



Attendees browsing books



View from the booth



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Please pray with us for the special sale Ets India is holding at the headquarters in Chennai. Pray for all the arrangements, and for new contacts and customers.
#CLCPrayerFocus #CLCIndia

TODAY'S PRAYER FOCUS

India

Every year, at the beginning of November, we arrange a special sale for five days at the Headquarters in Chennai.

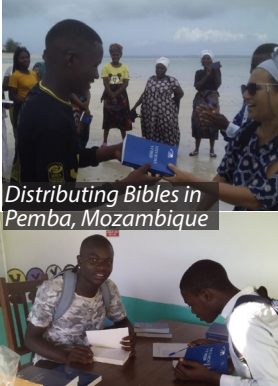
Please pray for all there is to do, that our customers may be delighted and that we may acquire new contacts and customers during those days.

May the Lord use every resource to reach out to others.

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Distributing Bibles in Pemba, Mozambique

AFRICA Low Cost Bibles

We are delighted to announce that we are now on our third print run of 10,000 low-cost NIV Bibles in Portuguese, for Mozambique. If all goes well, we should take delivery of these by mid-February 2024. We are thankful for the funds raised in 2017 for the first print run, and we praise the LORD that this has become a self-sustaining project!

PLEASE PRAY that this print run goes well and that we are able to receive the shipment on time.

EUROPE France Book Shop Facelift

We praise the Lord for the opportunity to have a radical shop refurbishment of our Montpellier store in the south of France. We have been in this shop for the past 40 years, and a facelift was urgently required. We also thank the Lord for our new shop manager, Sarah, who is a book lover and is enjoying the time she is able to spend with the customers.

PLEASE PRAY as we finish the renovation in the shop, that everything will go according to schedule. Please pray for Sarah as she continues to learn the ropes of her position.



WORLDWIDE Book Tables

We thank God for the many opportunities around the globe to host book tables, which often allow us to reach people who would otherwise not visit our shops. In the upcoming months, many CLC countries will host book tables at various Christian and non-Christian events, book fairs and conferences.

PLEASE PRAY for our CLCers as they prepare for these outreach events. Pray for open eyes and hearts as, through the work of the Holy Spirit, our staff help meet the needs of individuals who visit the book table.





Stronger Together!
Americas and The Caribbean Leadership Conference
by Neil Wardrope

The CLC Americas and Caribbean Regional Conference took place in Bogotá, Colombia from Monday September 25th to Friday September 29th. It was attended by delegates from 14 countries in the region – from Canada to Chile - plus five additional delegates from the International Office. It was a time of great joy and encouragement after several years of not being able to meet in this way. The theme was ‘Stronger Together’. Recognising that we work in very different economic, spiritual and cultural situations, we can nevertheless encourage one another with our vision, passion and inventiveness. It was a bi-lingual conference in English and Spanish and it was wonderful to praise God and pray for each other in both languages.



Praying for Latin America Regional Director, David Pabón and his family



Conference attendees



Latin America Regional Director, David Pabón



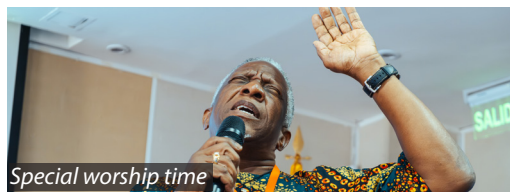
Representatives from Trinidad & Tobago and the United States



Visiting the print shop



International Director and Regional Directors, with country representatives



Special worship time



December 1st - 3rd

Week 48 - (Continued) Around the World



Fritz Joseph, Director of CLC Canada

Friday (1st) - France

Today we welcome Fritz Joseph, National Director for CLC Canada, for his first visit to our warehouse in Montélimar. Our desire is to work together for a greater collaboration between CLC France and CLC Canada. Among other things, this involves the distribution of all our publications (approximately 800 different books and Bibles) in Canada. Please pray for this.

The Weekend (2nd - 3rd) - Venezuela

Although Venezuela has dropped off many of the news channels, the situation in the country continues to be very difficult with rampant inflation over 300% this year and many Venezuelans moving abroad. Of course, this has a severe impact on our CLC ministry. Our courageous and resourceful team continue to trust the Lord for their daily needs.

December 3rd - 10th

Week 49- Europe

Monday (4th) - Cyprus

Christmas presents us with the opportunity to share the good news of the Saviour's advent to this world. With all the conflicts in the Middle East and elsewhere, we pray that our bookshop will be a place of peace and enlightenment for those who visit us. Please pray for boldness to share the gospel and for the appropriate approach so that as many as possible will turn to the Saviour.

Tuesday (5th) - Italy

December is always a challenging time for our team members, so we would appreciate prayers for strength for each one and for God's special blessing on the scripture calendars and other gifts that will be distributed during this period. May God use all these materials to touch the hearts of those who will receive them.

Wednesday (6th) - Italy

CLC Italy has had a steady involvement with publication activities for the past few years. This has continued despite Covid-19. We have a new manager for the publishing department, and we ask prayer for wisdom for the management of the publishing house and for choosing the right books that will truly bless the Church.

Thursday (7th) - Italy

With Neil Wardrope retiring at the end of 2024, there is a need to renew the leadership of

the digital project that has 20 CLC websites running across the world. Ivano Cramerotti (CLC Italy) is being trained up for this role and is becoming increasingly involved. Pray that Ivano will be able to successfully combine his role as CLC Italy Director with this new responsibility.



Friday (8th) - France

Our team in Paris has recently fulfilled their dream of creating a podcast to talk about the value of reading and books that have transformed lives. It is also a way to invite French Christian authors to speak and bless the people who are listening. The name of the podcast is "Chapter One". Please pray that it will be very fruitful.

The Weekend (9th - 10th) - Switzerland

Please pray for Carlo Ciafani who runs the retail website for CLC Switzerland from a base near the Italian border. Pray that in the period between now and Christmas, he may be able to supply the needs of his customers and that the Bibles and books will be delivered on time and be a blessing.

December 11th - 17th

Week 50 - French - Speaking West Africa

Monday (11th) - Burkina Faso

We are grateful to God for recently bringing a missionary to our bookshop who made a purchase amounting to approximately 650 euros. We are also grateful for a lady who makes an annual purchase of a large quantity of scripture calendars at the end of each year. These larger sales are miracles for us because of the economic instabilities due to terrorism in the country.

Tuesday (12th) - Burkina Faso

Our bookshop can sometimes go for three or even four days without a customer for the reasons mentioned yesterday. Please continue to pray for an end to terrorism and jihadism here in Burkina Faso, which has been going on for the past few years now. Pray for the country's sociopolitical stability as without peace and stability, no country can develop.



Wednesday (13th) - Benin

In these challenging and changing times, please pray that the Lord will give us wisdom so that we may better succeed in our mission. Pray that we may always remain a bookshop of reference in our country. We are grateful for the support of the wider CLC French-speaking group and that of the International Office as we seek to increase our sales and cashflow for a healthier future.

Thursday (14th) - Ivory Coast (Abidjan)

Please pray with us that our orders for the festive season will arrive safely and on time as the end of the year and the beginning of a new year are usually good sales periods for us here. We pray that this year, as well as the Bibles and books for adults, we will be able to sell many children's books and also scripture paintings, which both serve as wonderful gifts.

Friday (15th) - Ivory Coast (Bouaké)

Please pray for Marie Sekongo, our bookshop manager, for her health and protection and that of her family. Pray for the continued success of the bookshop in the city, especially as there is much competition with others who are selling books via social media. Pray for good results from our own social media activities.



The Weekend (16th - 17th) - Evangelism in West Africa

This year, we have printed 20,000 evangelistic tracts in French for distribution in Benin, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast. These were produced in Benin by a local Christian printer and paid for by the CLC Evangelism Fund in honour of Rudy Kuijer, who served with CLC for many years in Spain and the Netherlands. Please pray that these tracts will be used to lead many to Christ.

December 18th - 24th

Week 51 - The United States & The Caribbean

Monday (18th) - United States

CLC USA would like to praise the Lord for the organisations who partner with us in granting funds for projects around the CLC world. Many of them have deadlines in December and are reviewing the needs and applications of a number of organisations. Pray with us for God's provision as we apply for funding and for His guidance as the organisations choose which requests to approve.

Tuesday (19th) - United States

We praise God for helping the CLC Bookcenter staff make a smooth leadership transition this year, which was also a blessing to the customers. The lease for the store site will be expiring soon. Please pray for God's favour with the landlord in renewing the lease or for direction to a new location.

Wednesday (20th) - Dominica

Please pray for CLC manager Tajya Wilson, that she will have good opportunities to partner with churches, Christian groups and schools who will be hosting various evangelical programmes and events around the island in 2024. Pray, too, for the CLC ministry to become financially viable and arrive at a point of being able to sustain itself.

Thursday (21st) - Dominica

Please pray for a better location for our bookshop, one with more space and visibility and yet still affordable for us. We would also like to have ground level access in order to help our more elderly customers especially.

Friday (22nd) - Barbados

A long-term prayer request for CLC Barbados has been that we may acquire a piece of land next door to the bookshop. This would be especially useful as a parking area for our customers. Please pray with us for this and that the Lord will bless our efforts to serve Him effectively in 2024.

The Weekend (23rd - 24th) - Barbados

Please pray for the full restoration to health of Marion Manning, our CLC National Director, as she has had a very challenging year. Pray that in the new year, we may achieve the balance between the serious business that CLC demands at all levels and remain true to the core values of CLC, which are faith, fellowship, sacrifice and holiness.

December 25th - 31st

Week 52 - Christmas & Staffing

Monday (25th) - Christmas Day

"Thanks be to God for His wonderful gift!" We rejoice with grateful hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God and our Saviour! As we praise Him today, we

remember that Christmas gifts purchased from CLC are being opened and so we pray that those who received Christian books and Bibles will read them with open hearts and that God will reveal Himself!

Tuesday (26th) - General

Many of our retail and wholesale workers around the world will be taking a break this week after a very busy period leading up to Christmas. Please pray that they will be rested, refreshed and spiritually renewed as they prepare (in some cases) for a busy January with discount sales and annual inventory preparations.

Wednesday (27th) - Romania

We previously requested prayer for God's provision for our need of a new worker to replace Eunice, who left CLC Romania to complete her university studies. We praise the Lord that at exactly the right moment, God sent us a new colleague: Denisa. We are very thankful for Denisa and for the good job she does as she learns different aspects of the work.

Thursday (28th) - Romania

We still have two urgent staffing needs. One is for an Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) officer or other person able to do the work required for our website. The other is for the right candidate to replace the National Director. The current director is of retirement age, and we have already been praying about this for some years already.

Friday (29th) - Thailand

Pray that the Lord sends the right person to work in social media and develop an online platform for CLC Thailand. That person should be godly, hard-working and have an attitude of service towards the Lord and their brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Weekend (30th - October 1st) - Central Asia 2

Please pray that we would find another accountant as our current one is retiring. Pray that this would be someone who is qualified, a mature believer, and able to have consistent hours even if they have another part-time job. Please also pray for a smooth transition with the accounts and for the new team relationships. Thank you.

January 1st - 7th

Week 1 - Asia

Monday (1st) - South Korea

CLC Korea would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed New Year. We thank you for your prayers, and we will do our best this year to glorify God. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Also, please pray for the blessings of health and strength for our National Director, Dr Young Ho Park, as he continues to lead us.

Tuesday (2nd) - Indonesia

We are thankful for the many times in the past year when we were able to hold book tables in various meetings, seminars and workshops in Manado and the nearby region. We praise God especially because our income flows mostly from these ministry activities. Please pray for us to continue to build strong relationships with the churches in these areas.

Wednesday (3rd) - Indonesia

This month, we give thanks for the first anniversary of our bookshop in Manado. In recognition of this, there will be a time to celebrate together with a small group of friends of CLC. Please pray for the planning of this special occasion, which will take place in the bookshop. Pray for God's blessing in the second year!

Thursday (4th) - Thailand



Praise the Lord that CLC Thailand has been able to re-occupy the Chiang Mai building after winning the legal case in 2023. Please pray for financial provision for the renovation of the entire building and that the work will be well done. Pray that we can use this building to serve brothers and sisters in Christ.

Friday (5th) - Thailand

Please pray that CLC Thailand will be able to register its foundation under the name "CLC Ministry Foundation". Please pray that the proceedings will go smoothly and not take long to complete.

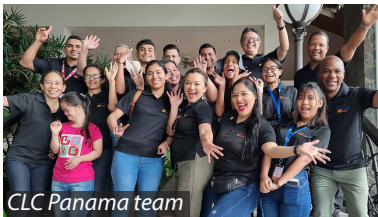
The Weekend (6th - 7th) - India

Please pray for ongoing funding to be supplied for our building project at Chennai. At the time of writing, the basement work is being completed, and the next level of floor work is already in process. We are thankful to have come this far.



January 8th - 14th

Week 2 - Latin America



Monday (8th) - Panama

Please pray for our big project - the CLC David Plaza project. Pray for the drawing up of the plans, and the obtaining of all the building permits and all other legal regulations. Pray for the finances to be sufficient and that we may be able to start construction in February. Finally, please pray that this project will be a blessing for many people in our region!

Tuesday (9th) - Panama

Please pray for our country as we head into elections this year. May God help the electorate to choose the right person and may we have no conflicts during the process. May we continue to be a country of peace and financial stability, and may this be reflected in CLC's sales and general financial health. Thank you.

Wednesday (10th) - Chile

We are in the process of selling a property that is in a good location but which has some security problems. Please pray that God allows us to sell it at a fair price as this this would also help us with the costs of purchasing a new warehouse.



Thursday (11th) - Chile

Please pray for us as we search for a suitable property so that we may move our warehouse, taking into account the location, security, dimensions and price, among other considerations. Pray, too, for the distribution of the books published by CLC Chile, especially *Why did God make me a girl?* and *Why did God make me a boy?* May the Lord use these books to help families in Chile.

Friday (12th) - Ecuador

We thank the Lord for enabling us to complete the construction work in Guayaquil last

year. Our customers are very happy to have a new and spacious place where they can find a great variety of Christian resources. Glory be to God! Please pray that each month we may reach the projected sales and that we will be able to distribute all the material that we have available.



David Pabón

The Weekend (13th - 14th) - Regional Director

Please pray for David Pabón, the CLC Regional Director for Latin America. Pray for his health and strength and that of his family. Ask the Lord for wisdom and discernment as David works alongside the CLC leaders in the eight countries where he has oversight. Pray for stamina and safety in his travels to visit them over the course of the year.

January 15th - 21st

Week 3 - Planning Ahead

Monday (15th) - Ecuador

We thank the Lord for a new year. Please pray for CLC Ecuador as in this month we will begin to reimburse larger amounts for loans received for our construction in Guayaquil. We are confident in God's faithfulness and that His provision will continue to come as it has so far. Also, please pray that all that is planned for the year 2024 will be directed by Him.

Tuesday (16th) - Chile

Please pray for the organisation of our Annual Conference to be held in March: the preparation of the programme, accommodation plans and the coordination of travel as well as all the other details. Pray, too, that the Lord will send us some new and suitable workers with a vision for the future of the mission of CLC in Chile.



Hervé Lessous

Wednesday (17th) - Europe

Please pray for Hervé Lessous, the CLC Director for Europe, as he organises a conference for all the CLC European leaders. The event will be held in Poland in March. Prior to this conference many CLC publishers from Europe, Colombia and South Korea will attend an annual Rights Fair organized by the Evangelical Christian Publishers' Association (ECPA).

Thursday (18th) - Romania

In a previous edition of *Prayer Focus*, we asked for prayer for God's help for our publishing programme, which was much delayed. Since then, we have seen a gradual increase in the number of finished printed books alongside others that we are still in the process of publishing. Please pray that we may complete all the delayed books by the end of 2024.

Friday (19th) - International Council 2024

Please pray for the planning and preparations for the CLC International Council meetings that are scheduled for the month of September. This is the time when CLC leaders meet together to decide on policy matters and to elect new international leaders for the next four years. Pray for God to go ahead of us and for the preparation of those whom He would have in leadership from 2024 to 2028.

The Weekend (20th - 21st) - International Director

Please pray for Gary Chamberlin, the CLC International Director. Give thanks for Gary's vision for growth in CLC around the world and the ways in which God has used him. Pray for continued



Gary Chamberlin

health and stamina for the next months as he leads in strategising and as he travels to visit various teams on different continents.

January 22nd - 28th

Week 4 - Asia

Monday (22nd) - Philippines

CLC Philippines was one of the countries most affected by the pandemic, resulting in the closure of four bookshops. Now we have only two, but our sales have increased by 50% compared to pre-pandemic times. Sadly, our wholesale department is not doing so well. Please pray that we can adjust and adapt to the changing environment so that we may be able to thrive.

Tuesday (23rd) - Philippines

One of the marketing strategies employed by CLC Philippines is the creation of seminars for pastors, Christian workers and believers in general. Please pray for creative inspiration that will enable the presentation of relevant topics and that we may find qualified and resourceful speakers.

Wednesday (24th) - Philippines

Romualdo Macinas, the current Regional Director for CLC Asia, is also the National Director for CLC Philippines. He will retire from his post at CLC Philippines in 2025. Please pray for God's guidance in the choice of his successor and pray for Romualdo, that he will have a clear leading from the Lord about the next steps he will take.

Thursday (25th) - India

Please pray for the CLC ELS (India) Annual Conference, which takes place in Bangalore from January 26th - 28th. Please pray for God's blessing on the conference, all the arrangements and for safe travel for our staff and delegates travelling from far and near.

Friday (26th) - Asia

The CLC ELS India conference (mentioned yesterday) will be followed by the CLC Asian Regional Conference, from January 29th - February 1st, at the same premises. Pray for all the leaders from the various CLC countries in Asia who will be attending. Please pray especially for the speaker and for our theme, which is "Stronger Together".



Romualdo Macinas

The Weekend (27th - 28th) - Regional Director

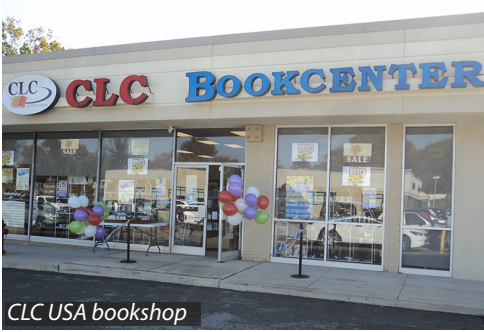
In addition to serving as National Director for CLC Philippines, Romualdo Macinas has also served as Regional Director for CLC Asia for the past 16 years. He will retire from this post in September 2024. Please pray for him to finish well and that the right person may succeed him. Pray for a good transition and a quick adjustment to the new role for whoever will be elected in this very important post.

January 29th - February 4th

Week 5 - Around The World

Monday (29th) - United States

We count on your prayer support in our inventory-taking process at CLC USA in the bookstore, warehouse and at the headquarters as we count all of the product we have in stock. This can



CLC USA bookshop

be a very time- and staff-intensive process. Please pray for accuracy and diligent counters.

Tuesday (30th) - United States

As we transition into a new fiscal year, we thank God for His abundant provision this past year we were able to cover our needs as well as to give towards the needs of others. Please pray for direction and wisdom in determining budgets for the upcoming year while leaving room for faith to see God do above and beyond what we could have

budgeted for or imagined!

Wednesday (31st) - Central Asia 2

Please pray that God would send more people who are seeking the truth to our bookshop. While it is true that many believers have access to free Christian books at their churches, there are still millions of "potential" believers in this city. Pray for wisdom to know how to reach them.

Thursday (February 1st) - Ecuador

During this month of February, we must pay some important accounts with international suppliers, mainly for project expenses and our Christmas stock purchases. Please pray that we will be able to fully meet these obligations. Thank you.



Friday (2nd) - United Kingdom

Hand in Hand, an annual Children and Family Ministry conference run by Kingsway CLC Trust, takes place in Eastbourne from February 2nd - 4th. The title for this year is *Refresh*. Please pray that those attending

will be encouraged and find refreshment for themselves, their ministry, their skills and their vision. Pray for the speakers, those leading the conference and for those attending.

The Weekend (3rd - 4th) - United Kingdom

While all our staff are very important, there are certain team members who have specialist knowledge in their area. Last year, we had two staff away on maternity leave, and it was not easy to fill the void they left. We have a number of other key roles, and we ask you to pray with us that committed and capable people would serve with us.

February 5th - 11th

Week 6 - Around the World

Monday (5th) - Ivory Coast

We give heartfelt thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness towards our two bookshops and our team and for the good sociopolitical atmosphere in the country, which is favourable to the continuation of the CLC ministry. Please pray for the good and timely arrival of our regular stock orders from France this year as the logistics are complex for exportation to the African continent.

Tuesday (6th) - United States

Please join us in praying for God to do new things within the CLC Publications department this year. We anticipate that we will need new partnerships, new staff and new publishing opportunities to effectively continue to carry out the mission.

Wednesday (7th) - Eastern Europe 1

We are thankful to God for continuing to protect CLC's ministry in our country. New religious laws have been passed by the national government and, as a result, we must register our mission again this year. At the time of writing, it is not clear how this will affect us or whether we will also have to renew our sales and publishing licences.

Thursday (8th) - South Korea

Please pray for our recruitment of new staff members at the CLC warehouses in Paju. Last year, we interviewed many candidates but, since the warehouses are remotely located in an area with nothing other than warehouses, not many young workers are joining. Please pray for suitable additional members to join our teams.

Friday (9th) - South Korea

The Chinese New Year holidays are from February 9th - 12th. During these days, many of our staff will make long journeys to visit their relatives outside of Seoul. Please pray for their safety and that they may enjoy a good rest so that when they return, they will be able to work well during the busiest season at CLC Korea.

The Weekend (10th - 11th) - Everywhere

Please pray for all the CLC workers and volunteers around the world, especially those in countries not specifically mentioned in this bulletin and where there is hostility to the Christian faith. Pray for health, strength and stamina to persevere in the face of constant challenges. Pray for continued protection for the CLC ministry in those countries and that we may make a difference for those around us.

February 12th - 18th

Week 7 - Outreach

Monday (12th) - Kenya

Please pray for the ACABA Authors' Empowerment Programme 2024, through which we seek to provide support and guidance to existing and aspiring authors in their journey towards success. Through this programme, participants will receive valuable resources, mentorship and a strong network of fellow writers to help them navigate the challenges of the publishing industry and share their unique stories with the world.

Tuesday (13th) - Kenya

Please pray for the Children's Book Author Project, into which we hope to invest significantly in 2024. The aim is to showcase the diverse and imaginative works of authors who specialise in writing for young readers while preaching the gospel to children of all ages and sharing the truth on various topics affecting them from a godly perspective.

Wednesday (14th) - Kenya

Please pray for "My Market-Our Market-Your Market", a strategic approach that aims to empower and promote African Christian authors by creating a platform that allows them to open up their networks to each other. This not only fosters collaboration and sharing

of knowledge but also facilitates the exchange of ideas and experiences and encourages the growth and visibility of African Christian literature on both continental and global scales.



CLC Kenya event

Thursday (15th) - Kenya

Pray for Mercy Muthoni, the National Director for CLC Kenya, and her involvement on one of the planning committees for the Africa Speaks Round Table Consultation, which will be held in Nairobi next month. Africa Speaks, which is a Kenya-based registered trust, exists to promote a flourishing Christian publishing industry on the African continent.

Friday (16th) - Mozambique

Please pray for our project for low-cost Bibles for Mozambique. This project, which began with fundraising in 2017, became fully self-sustaining after the first three years and, as such, has been a success so far. Our third print run of 10,000 Bibles is due to arrive at the port of Maputo in mid-February. Please pray for the importation process as this is both complex and expensive.

The Weekend (17th - 18th) - Mozambique

Please join us in prayer for our small but important bookshop in Nampula in the north of Mozambique. At the time of writing, our worker Isaque, has been offered a pastoral post in another province and has agreed to accept this calling. Please pray for Isaque's future in the pastoral ministry and for his replacement (not yet known) at the bookshop.

February 19th - 25th

Week 8 - Africa

Monday (19th) - Sierra Leone

Please join us in giving thanks for our new bookshop in Bo, the second largest city in Sierra Leone. The shop was built last year with funds from the UK and the USA, thereby guaranteeing a long-term future by enabling a move from the previous shop premises to a row of newly constructed retail units at the Methodist Resource Centre.



Bo city bookshop

Tuesday (20th) - Sierra Leone

We give thanks for the generous donors who enabled the purchase of a motorised tricycle (locally known as a "kéké") for our ministry in Sierra Leone last year. CLC worker Matthew Hanciles has already put this to very effective use in the province of Bo where he regularly visits churches and events with the vehicle filled with Bibles and books.

Wednesday (21st) - French-Speaking Group of Countries

Exactly one year ago, representatives from the five French-speaking CLC countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Canada, France and Ivory Coast) met together for three days in Grand Bassam in Ivory Coast to explore the theme 'Stronger Together'. Please pray for increased ongoing collaboration between these countries for a greater distribution of gospel resources and the good of all.



Thursday (22nd) - Livr'Afrique

We give praise for all the good that has been done via the Livr'Afrique Association, which was founded by CLC'er Idris Davies 25 years ago. However, due to the various expensive and non-guaranteed logistical challenges, it is becoming more difficult for Livr'Afrique to fulfil its objectives in supplying low-cost Christian resources to Africa. Please pray with us for a sustainable future for this ministry.

Friday (23rd) - Extended Teams

We are grateful for the services offered by CLC workers who are non-resident in Africa to support and help strengthen the ministry in various countries. Please pray for Carlos Cunha (Portugal/Mozambique), Hervé Lessous (France/Benin/Ivory Coast) and Petra Nemansky (International Office/Mozambique/Kenya). Pray for Carlos, Hervé and Petra that they will have the time and energy to be able to continue this support for another year.



The Weekend (24th - 25th) - Regional Director

Pray for Liz Patten, the CLC Africa Regional Director. Liz has occupied this post since 2008 and her current mandate will terminate in September this year. Please pray for a sense of God's leading and direction for Liz and her colleagues as they consider how best to develop CLC's ministry on the African continent, especially as the extent of Liz's future involvement is uncertain.

February 26th - 29th

Week 9 - CLC Communications

Monday (26th) - CLC World

Thank you to all of you who have been faithfully reading the *CLC World* magazine. We are very grateful for your interest and support. Please pray for the *CLC World* team as we have some transitions on the horizon. Pray for God's wisdom as we move forward.

Tuesday (27th) - CLC World

Please pray for creativity and wisdom for the *CLC World* team as we plan, gather and decide on content for 2024. We want to share material that is encouraging and that will effectively promote the ministry of CLC around the world. Thank you!

Wednesday (28th) - CLC World

Please pray for God's blessing on our team of *CLC World* proofreaders who work to make sure the content in our magazine flows and reads well. Located in various countries, they are always on call and ready to help us out. Without them, *CLC World* would not be possible. We are so thankful for them!

Thursday (29th) - Leap Year

As we experience "leap year" today, we look back on the history of CLC, which is recorded in the book *Leap of Faith* by Norman Grubb, published by CLC USA. The book recounts the story of the worldwide expansion of the Christian Literature Crusade and how it grew from two people in an upstairs book room to a worldwide chain of Christian bookshops and publishing activities. Thank you, Lord.

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